

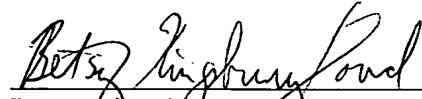
**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application. Applicant has amended the above-identified application in order to remove multiple dependencies and reference numerals from the claims. Applicant believes that the claims as amended are now in proper form for examination.

In addition, Applicant has added section headings to the specification, as well as a claim of priority to the German application and incorporated by reference both the International Application and the priority German application.

In view of the foregoing submission, examination of the present application on the merits is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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